



**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR A PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

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the specification of which:

X is attached hereto.
 was filed on _____ as _____
 Application Serial No. _____
 and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION (S)

Country	Number	Date Filed	Priority Claimed	
			<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code Section 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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And I hereby appoint John D Crane Registration Number 25231, Kenneth W Bolvin Registration Number 34125, Christopher O Edwards Registration Number 36127, John F McGowan Registration Number 37392, James A Harrison Registration Number 40401, William G Johnson Registration Number 39525 and Luis M Ortiz Registration Number 36230 as my attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trade Mark Office connected herewith. It is requested that all communication be directed to John D Crane, Northern Telecom Limited, PO Box 832130, Richardson, Texas 75083-2130, telephone number (214) 685-8442.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that wilful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such wilful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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